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1. The Friends of Czechoslovakia Committee, which sponsored a series of lectures on Communist Czechoslovakia beginning on 22 January 1951 in Santiago, was reportedly organized under the presidency of Santiago Wilson, president of the People's Democratic Party and formerly active in the Communist-front Frente Nacional Democrático.
2. The opening lecture of the series, held at the headquarters of the Gas Company Industrial Syndicate, at Calle Desamparados Cuero 642, Santiago, was attended by some 50 individuals, including about 20 children and 10 women. The room was decorated with photographs and charts and graphs which presented Czechoslovakia's progress under Communist rule and which described Czech advances under the country's Five Year Plan.
3. At the speakers' table were Maria Maluenda Contreras, a member of the Chilean-Soviet Cultural Institute in 1947, and Luis Gonzales Ramirez, president of the Gas Syndicate. Gonzales Ramirez was once eliminated as a Communist from the electoral rolls and was subsequently restored.
4. The Committee's vice-president was Maria Maluenda Contreras and Juan Luis Maures Novella, a Radical Party Deputy, who has been associated with the Communists since 1945. Maria Maluenda gave a description of her visit to Czechoslovakia in 1945, and she eulogized the progress and development of that country during the past few years. She compared Czechoslovakia with Chile to the disadvantage of Chile, particularly in the matter of standards of living. Identified among those present was Sheila Alvarez, Communist woman lawyer.

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